

MADDOO BARS UNESSENTIAL R. R. FREIGHT

Embargo Proclaimed, Exempting Food, Fuel, War Supplies

NECESSARY TO AID BUILDING OF SHIPS

Garfield Requested Action. Drastic Steps Demanded to End Congestion

APPLIES TO THE EAST

Order Affects P. R. R., B. and O. and P. and R.—Must Clear Out Jammed Harbors

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.

Director General of Railroads McAdoo today acceded to Fuel Administrator Garfield's request for an embargo on freight to relieve the coal shortage.

A statement issued by the director general said that the primary purpose of the order was to correct conditions in New England and New York harbor caused by the cold weather, which has interfered with train movement across the Allegheny Mountains.

"This embargo is a temporary one," Mr. McAdoo said. "It should last but a few days if the weather moderates."

SHIPBUILDING CRISIS

Complete shutdown of steel shipbuilding plants seen inevitable soon unless the railroads relieve the shortage in ship plates, officials admit.

One thousand tons of plates, virtually all of which have been in transit since December 20 and before, are stored bound. Trace of hundreds of the cars has been lost by the railroads.

In nearly all of the seventeen shipbuilding yards where steel ships are under construction, some men are idle as a result of cold and lack of material.

The shipping program is far behind schedule and new delays in obtaining necessary material are making it difficult to keep up the stream of troops and supplies to the war zone, it was explained.

MAY MAKE THOUSANDS IDLE

Should the plants be forced to suspend operation, the thousands of employees will be idle, with the Government paying the bill, officials said.

In these circumstances, the fuel administrator has directly appealed to McAdoo to call for a general embargo on all freight shipment aside from that of vital war supplies and fuel.

Through the preliminary action of the Garfield order covering preferential coal shipments is still effective and will remain so until otherwise ordered, the great headway can be made under the new plan.

SEE ANOTHER 4-DAY HOLIDAY

Further suspension orders are in prospect. It is pointed out that Washington's Birthday falls on Friday, February 22, with Saturday a half holiday, and Sunday and Monday, February 23 and 24, are observed as a four-day suspension.

The railroad administration is waiting for an expression from the country. If the demand is insistent enough, Director General McAdoo may take drastic steps immediately to pull the railroad system out from under the mass of freight piled at every point.

Addition of 200 locomotives from Baldwin shops within thirty days will help the situation, the railroad administration declared. These locomotives were built for European service, but cannot be shipped now because of lack of tonnage and will be drafted into domestic service until they can be sent abroad.

If a complete freight embargo is not ordered, partial embargoes and general diversion of freight to enable coal to be rushed through to necessary points will be put into effect.

Weather continued to hamper the National Railroad today, but Director General McAdoo declared that he was confident of success in the face of heavy odds.

Setting of coal shipments in accordance with the Peabody plan whereby coal would be held for consumption in the vicinity where it is mined is a probable elimination of unloading in using planned under McAdoo's direction.

It was admitted by the director general today that eastern railroads were

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GERMANS AND AUSTRILIANS CLASH ON EASTERN FRONT

Kaiser's Troops Mow Down Dual Monarchy's Soldiers in Attempt to Stop Fraternization With Russians

Women Lead Famished Peace Mobs in Vienna—Socialists in Direct Touch With Bolsheviki—Strikers Returning, Government Insists

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 23.

Bitter hostility is springing up between the German and Austro-Hungarian soldiers on the eastern front, and actual fighting has broken out, it was reported from Petrograd today.

A German troops were used to try to stop the wholesale fraternization between the Austro-Hungarians and the Russians. When the Germans tried to clear the Russian trenches of Austro-Hungarians and the Austro-Hungarian trenches of Russians, they were fired upon. A battle with artillery developed, in which a number of men were killed.

The same dispatch added that the Bolsheviki Government at Petrograd is gaining power and that Bolsheviki influence has led to a strong revolutionary movement in Rumania.

BERNE, Jan. 23.

Women led many of the famished mobs in Austro-Hungarian industrial communities where rioting has occurred in connection with the general strike, according to information from the frontier today.

The Austrian socialists are becoming more active, and there are indications that they are in direct communication with the Russian Bolsheviki.

Travelers arriving from the frontier today said that there is no doubt that the successful Bolsheviki counter-revolution in Russia has exerted widespread influence upon the Austrian working classes.

"Bread and peace" is now the national demand of the Austro-Hungarians.

An unconfirmed report was received today that soldiers fired upon a band of rioters in Vienna, who were marching through the streets with red flags and banners inscribed with such phrases as "Give Us Peace" and "Long Live Trotsky."

One mob that tried to approach Emperor Charles's palace in Vienna was driven off, and later the military guard around the grounds was strengthened.

The Austrian Government declares the situation is righting itself and that the workmen, satisfied with the promised reform and higher wages, are returning to their places.

Pressure is being brought to bear upon Hungary to release some of her store of cereals to relieve the food situation in Austria. Hungary is reported to have a surplus of grain, but has hoarded it, flatly refusing to release any part of it for Germany or Austria.

A copy of the socialist newspaper, Vorwaerts, of Berlin, was received here today containing a long article upon the Austrian situation. The Vorwaerts calls it a "grave economic crisis containing far-reaching possibilities."

DEMOCRATIC UPRISING IN AUSTRIA GENUINE, LONDON NOW BELIEVES

LONDON, Jan. 23.

The Austrian strike troubles are genuine, according to conviction expressed in authoritative circles today. First suspicion here that they were "stage-managed" by the Government itself was dissipating rapidly.

According to the most authentic news reaching here, the general movement in Emperor Charles's monarchy is due to the public's weariness with the war, to widespread dissatisfaction with Teutonic manipulations at Brest-Litovsk and to increasing scarcity of food.

The public's longing for peace has been recently accentuated by the boldly democratic war aims proclaimed by President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George. The plain citizenry of the dual monarchy, reading these terms, can find little in them to support the frantic pleas of the German Junkers and militarists that the Allies seek to divide the Central Empires and that the main aim of Germany's enemies is conquest.

The widespread growth of this sort of public feeling, in the opinion of well-informed officials, is bound to make resumption of the Brest-Litovsk peace negotiations a ticklish matter for the Central Powers.

Of actual news developments in connection with the strikes, the Austrian censorship today permitted only the most fragmentary reports. Enough leaked through, however, to indicate a spread of the industrial tie-up to Prague, Brno and other cities.

Copies of the Vienna Arbeiter Zeitung, received in Switzerland, contain appeals to workers to allow resumption of railway traffic, but the editorial frankly exults in the success achieved by the strikers.

"We hope the Government understands," the editorial asserted, "that the

THINK EXTRA GUARDS BOY BANDITS' CAREER FOILED HARBOR PLOTS CUT SHORT BY COPS

City Officials Trace Garage Fires, Also, to Alien Enemy Conspiracy

Desperate Robbers Turn Out to Be Youthful Poolroom Graduates

CRIME DOESN'T PAY

7 to 8 a. m., January 22—Boy bandits robbed the West Philadelphia chain grocery stores.

8 a. m., January 22—Police start on the hunt.

8 a. m., January 22—Alleged bandits captured at Sixty-first and Market streets.

8 a. m., January 22—Held without bail by Magistrate Harris at Thirty-second and Woodland avenue station.

9 a. m., January 22—"Mugged" at City Hall for Rogers gallery.

10 a. m.—Sweated by City Hall police. Amount of booty gathered—\$331.

Two rather sad looking boy auto bandits are peering through the cell doors at City Hall today. There is nothing of defiance in their demeanor. One would hardly believe they were the same pair accused of holding up the managers of five groceries of the American Stores Company in West Philadelphia yesterday.

The raids, made in less than an hour in a speedy automobile, netted the youths \$331, the police say.

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HARMONY PLEA MAY HALT WAR CABINET FIGHT

Wavering Democrats Whipped Into Line to Support President

TALK OF COMPROMISE

Roosevelt's Presence Serves to Consolidate Administration Sentiment in Senate

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.

Under the lash that "without harmony the war will be lost," Democratic leaders are whipping into line party legislators wavering on the Chamberlain "war cabinet" bill.

Today it appeared likely that the storm which has broken between the White House and Congress on the issue may be tempered with compromise.

The presence of Theodore Roosevelt on the battle-ground has done much to consolidate the Democratic ranks. Popular sentiment in the Chamberlain bill.

The telling argument advanced by the Democrats is that a bill as repugnant as this one to the Administration would, if passed, hamper war efforts even though an effective measure.

Meantime, however, Chamberlain is preparing for a real fight. Backed by letters of soldiers' mothers and fathers, and by the support of the War Department, he is determined to carry through his bill.

He also will submit evidence in an effort to prove that Secretary Baker is correct in his estimate of the situation.

Chamberlain plans to submit proof that the War Department, as at present organized, has failed to meet the situation.

He and his supporters argue this is the sole reason they are advocating a change that will co-ordinate and centralize authority and provide legal authority for the War Department.

EMPHASIS ON HARMONY

The Administration forces will lay emphasis on harmony and on the fact

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PEACE PRIME SUBJECT OF BRITISH LABORITES

Annual Conference Opens With Great Issues to Be Threshed Out

NOTTINGHAM, England, Jan. 23.

The growing political power of labor was emphasized here today when the annual conference of the Labor party opened.

The meeting, which will last three days, took on added significance in view of the recent appeals of Premier Lloyd George to the working classes and the growing possibility of a Liberal-Labor coalition government before the end of the year.

Peace will take a prominent part in the discussions of the delegates, and labor's position in the war will be debated from every angle. Women delegates are present for the first time.

This is the most important labor meeting ever held in Great Britain, and representatives from all the trade unions are present.

The retirement of all members of the Labor party from cabinet posts, government supervision of food production and the punishment of profiteers.

At the time has now come for a general peace by negotiation.

The holding of an international labor conference simultaneously with the present peace conference, to see that the interests of the working classes are protected.

Reforms in the British health administration.

Workmen's compensation in England.

The establishment of an international union of laborers, so that the workers of the world can understand one another without the aid of an interpreter.

Ice Bars Way to Oyster Boats

BIVALVE, N. J., Jan. 23.—Marine River is covered with fifteen inches of ice from shore to shore, making it impossible for the fleet of oyster boats to reach the cove.

Many of the oyster boats are tugging the bivalves through the ice in the cove.

These oysters are bringing fancy prices.

QUICK NEWS

BOLSHEVIKI MAY BID FOR PEACE WITH AUSTRIA

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 23.—If the Brest-Litovsk peace negotiations are broken off entirely the Bolsheviki government at Petrograd probably will make proposals to Austria-Hungary for a separate peace.

RIVAL RAIDING PARTIES BATTLE IN WEST

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Raiding operations constituted the only activity on the British front during the night. The War Office announced at noon that British and German patrols encountered each other in the forefield southwest of St. Quentin, and in the fighting the British lost several men.

GALWAY NIGHT RAIDERS ACTIVE

DUBLIN, Jan. 23.—Night raiders are becoming active in County Galway. News was received today that raiders, believed to be Sinn Feiners, forcibly entered several houses last night and seized all the arms they could find.

J. R. K. SCOTT OUT FOR M'CLAIN JOB

Vare's Hand Seen in Announcement of Candidacy Made Today

TO FORCE SHOWDOWN

The Vares today showed their hand in the State Republican campaign, when they allowed it to become known that Congressman John R. K. Scott will run for the Republican nomination for Lieutenant Governor.

Senator Edwin H. Vares could not be reached early today after the announcement was made, but it is evident it has been close to them in all of their political activities for several years, having been the stormy petrel of their camp.

This announcement smashes into the suppressed State plans in many ways. First of all, Congressman Scott was not in the state outlined by Penrose and sent out from Pittsburgh recently following the dinner to Mayor Babcock.

It is pointed out that the announcement of his candidacy for the lieutenant governorship, if the Penrose faction pursues all alone the line for open office, will be a serious blow to the Vares.

READY FOR FIGHT

The readiness to be looked upon as a move on the part of the Vares to gain places on the ticket without a fight if possible, but not a fight if necessary.

It would seem to indicate that they are willing to "bury the hatchet" and support State Senator William C. Spruell, of Delaware County, who practically has the open support of Senator Penrose for the gubernatorial nomination.

Scott's candidacy was announced in Pittsburgh the day following the Babcock dinner.

It is pointed out that the Vares is not anxious to go out of his way to offend them.

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LINER GETS WARNING LIKE THE LUSITANIA'S

Thirty Americans Among 2000 Passengers Booked for Passage on Nieuw Amsterdam

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 23.—Anonymous warnings, similar to those issued before the Lusitania was sunk, have been received by persons who booked passage to America on the liner Nieuw Amsterdam, it was learned today.

Among the 2000 persons who took passage on the liner were thirty Americans.

The last heard of the Nieuw Amsterdam she was lying in a Dutch port and is not known whether or not she has sailed.

A cablegram received on January 16 said that the German Government had refused to grant the ship a guarantee of safety.

CANNERS HOLD CONVENTION

Delegates From Three States Discuss Troubles of Trade

Five hundred canners from New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland arrived here today to attend their annual convention, which starts at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the Adelphi Hotel.

They are members of the Tri-State Canners' Association.

Freight congestion and increase in prices of different products that are required in the canning business will be some of the features to be discussed.

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Protests Pour in as Industries Resume Operations

POTTER ASKS TIME TO FURNISH FIGURES

Administrator Awaits Reply to Appeal Against Reconsignment

DOMESTIC COAL LACKING

Lewis Admits Situation is Not Improving and Empty Bins Increase

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THE WEATHER FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Fair and continued cold today.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises: 7:17 a.m.; sets: 5:07 p.m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTER STREET Low water: 8:10 a.m.; high water: 1:50 p.m. High water: 10:48 a.m.; low water: 11:50 p.m.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

Today's installment of Governor Pennypacker's Autobiography WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 6 OF THIS ISSUE